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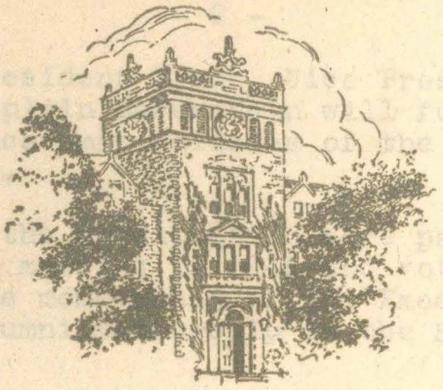

Dear Mules:

Commencement season has come and gone and while we are a bit winded trying to keep everyone happy, we still have enough breath to bang out this letter to you. We had a fine time and I know you'll want to know the details, so here goes.

We opened the alumni activities on Friday morning with a golf tournament at the Lehigh Country Club. Nineteen golfers chipped and putted their way around Lehigh's beautiful course and when all the scores were in, Jim Reber '43 was low with a score of 73 and Adam Matusa '39 was second with 74. The Junior Oratorical Contest was held in West Hall Auditorium at 10 A.M. also.

Friday afternoon, the alumni began gathering on the campus to view the many improvements which had taken place, to see the new statue of our famous fighting clergyman, and to visit the President's home where a reception was held from 3-5 P.M. At 6:30 P.M. the alumni gathered in the Commons, about 170 strong, where a fine turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. Speeches were out as the diners ate their way through the tasty meal and met many of their classmates for the first time in many years. Chairman Joe Hummel '17 and his committee had done a good job in setting up the program for the reunions, and after a few introductions, the group saw the colored movie on the launching of the USS Muhlenberg Victory. This film also showed the shakedown cruise down Chesapeake Bay and proved that the ship is as fine as the College whose name she bears.

The women graduates of the College met in the Science Auditorium at 8 P.M. on Friday evening and heard a program which featured Dr. Swain in one of his famous discussions of world affairs, Dr. and Mrs. Reichard who entertained the audience with a Pennsylvania German skit, and a movie on the V-12 unit which was stationed on the campus.

The informal party for the men was held in the Sky Terrace of the Hotel Traylor on Friday evening where 170 graduates and former students gathered for several hours of fun and good fellowship. Harry Foster Welch, a noted commedian from Philadelphia, entertained the group with one of his inimitable performances and the cold cuts and refreshments disappeared like magic. Several of the classes reuned informally at the Traylor and continued at other points after the party broke up. The class of 1926 held a dinner party at the hotel and enjoyed the company of several of the professors who were at College during their time there.

The annual meeting of the Association was held on Saturday morning at 11 A.M. in the Science Auditorium. A short business session was the first thing on the agenda. The election of William S. Hudders '26 as Alumni Representative to the Board of Trustees and John T. Gross '31 as Alumni Member of the Athletic Committee was announced. The faculty members who had served the following years at the College, were also given a round of applause.

Twenty five years - Dr. Corbiere, Prof. Deck, Dr. Shankweiler; Twenty years - Dr. Carl Boyer, Dr. Brandes; Fifteen years - Prof. Hartman; Ten years - Mr. Badger; Five years - Mr. Rickey, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Reck, Mr. Wittrich.

President Reisner mentioned the appointment of four new professors, Drs. Stine, Edward Horn, Johnson and Hartman. He also mentioned the action of the College Board of Trustees, who, on Thursday at their meeting, appointed Dr. Robert C. Horn as Vice President of the College, Dr. Sherwood Mercer as Dean of the faculty, Perry F. Kendig, formerly a teacher in the English Department, as Dean of Students. These two new

deans, together with President Tyson, Vice President Horn, Dean of Freshmen Benfer and Chaplain Doberstein will form the Dean's Council which will direct the academic policies of the College when the new term opens in September.

Two amendments to the Constitution were passed at this meeting, having been read at the meeting in 1945 and voted upon this year. The amendments deal with the membership of the Executive Committee of the Association and also Alumni membership on the Student Activities Committee.

President Tyson gave a fine address on the state of the College and told of the past success the College had with the Naval Training Programs which have been on the campus since early in 1942. He spoke of the new enrollment figures for the coming terms and assured the graduates that every possible effort would be made to care for the educational needs of many veterans and other students. He paid high tribute to the faculty and staff for their untiring efforts during the critical war period and gave them all the credit for the fine job that Muhlenberg has done. He also indicated that 45 new men would be added to the faculty to care for the increased student body which will report in the fall.

The luncheon in the College Commons featured a Memorial Service to the 36 men who have given their lives in World War II. Atty. Henry V. Scheirer '29 gave a stirring address. The men who were honored at this service were:

Capt. C.J. Barrie, Jr. '39
Lt. Angelo Bianco '34
Capt. J.J. Bortz '26
Lt. F.A. Boyer '44
Pvt. Robert Brill '46
Lt.(jg) P.L. Candalino '43
Sgt. C.G. Clayton '34
Sgt. R.R. Dietrich '40
Lt. W.E. Findlay '42
SoM3/c R.J. Frey '40
Pfc. F.M. Haas '45
Lt. J.J. Hower '36
Lt. J.G. Hunt '44
Lt. R. Huxam '45
Ens. J.F. Koehler '42
Lt. H.P. Korenko '39
Lt. P.R. Kuhns '42
Lt. William Laing '37
Lt. Ralph Lentz '44
Pfc. W.E. Lindgren '47
Lt. J.M. McGinley '39
Nevin D. Miller '22
Sgt. Paul Moyer '38
Lt. J.C. Rehfus '35
Lt. Roland Rupp '17
Ens. John Schwenk '43
Lt. E.C. Smithers '41
Donald Sterritt, Jr. '33
Sgt. R.W. Stinson '35
Lt. Kenneth Struble '44
Ens. E.A. Trimer V44
Lt. R.L. Turner '42
Lt. J.B. Walker '43
Pvt. A.H. Westley '29
Pfc. W.H. Wimmer '44
Lt. Victor Windus '39

The Baccalaureate service was held in the Chapel on Sunday afternoon at 3:30. The Rev. O. Frederick Nolde preached a stirring sermon on the subject "Christian Testimony For Our Day". Music was furnished by the Chapel Choir with Dr. Harold K. Marks at the organ.

Monday morning saw the last formal review of the Navy Unit at 9 A.M. when they marched in review before Vice Admiral Conolly, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, who was the commencement speaker. The Commencement Service was held at 10 A.M. in the Chapel and featured the address of Admiral Conolly, the awarding of the golden keys to the members of the class of 1896, conferring of 60 bachelors degrees to students who had completed their courses, and the awarding of 129 certificates of proficiency to the Naval trainees who will leave the campus this weekend. Captain H.R. Stevens, Director of Training in the Fourth Naval District, presented to Dr. Tyson the Navy's Certificate of Appreciation for the splendid work done by the College during the war years. Five honorary degrees were conferred by the College.

A feature of the commencement season was the display of a painting given to the College by Senator Sordoni, entitled "Martin Luther, His Family and Melancthon". This painting, done by the famous artist, Gustav Adolf Spangenberg, is hanging in the Library in the main reading room.

And now for the mails: SGT. ART SCHMIDT '48 wants to say a big hello to RAY NIES '45. Art is still on Okinawa and spends his time as crew chief of one of the B-29's, playing left field for the

"Mudhens" (they worked a triple play the other night about which he is still bragging) and worrying about the trip home. Art sends his best to his friends and says that he'll head for the campus and his studies as soon as the Army gives him the word.

PHIL VOOZ '44 was in the office the other day, but we missed connections, (for which I'm mighty sorry, Phil) but he left word that he is stationed at Air Transport Command Headquarters in Washington, in the Adjutant General's Department and thoroughly enjoying his work.

BRIG. GEN. GEORGE W. SMYTHE '23 was the principal speaker at the recent State Convention of the Exchange Clubs, held in Allentown.

LOUIS C. ROCHE V-44 is another happy civilian who has left his Navy duties for civilian life in Baltimore, Md.

CARL SLEMMER '45 dropped in the office yesterday, looking in the pink, and planning to return to College in the fall. Carl has just gone on terminal leave from the Navy.

Down at Duke University, Monday, June 24th was also an important day. On that day, GEORGE SINICHKO V44, SOL GRUBER V44 and RICHARD BISBEE V44 received their B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and their commissions as Ensigns in the Navy. All are agreed that they received an excellent education at 'Berg.

JOHN R. KERN, JR. '42 had to forgo the pleasure of attending the reunion activities because of pressure of work at Fort George Meade. He reports that he met CHARLIE VAN REED '44 who was being separated at Meade, and they took time off for a bull session on their experiences at Muhlenberg.

And that, my friends, winds up another chapter for this time. Keep your letters coming, for we are always glad to hear from you. I'll see you in two weeks.

As ever,

John

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